

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

505a 27 1. A recording apparatus comprising:

reproduction means to play digital data from a recording medium recorded with that digital data and retrieval information;

recording means to write the digital data reproduced by said reproduction means and record said retrieval information on a control table; and

a control circuit to search the control table by using the retrieval information when the digital data from the reproduction means is written by said recording means, permit the writing of digital data recorded on said medium into said recording means when said retrieval information is not already recorded in said control table, and prohibit the writing of digital data recorded on said medium into said recording means when said retrieval information is already recorded on said control table.

505a 27 2. A recording apparatus comprising:

a drive device to reproduce digital audio data from a medium recorded with digital audio data;

a hard disk drive device written with digital audio data reproduced from said recording medium by said drive device;

a control table containing retrieval information for the medium written with said digital audio data in said hard

disk drive device from among said mediums; and

a control circuit to search the control table by using the retrieval information when the digital data from the reproduction means is written by said recording means, permit the writing of digital data recorded on said medium with said recording means when said retrieval information is not recorded in said control table, and prohibit the writing of digital data recorded on said medium with said recording means when said retrieval information is already recorded on said control table.

505a27 3. A recording apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said recording apparatus comprises display means connected to said control circuit and when said control circuit prohibits writing onto the hard disk drive device of digital audio data recorded on said medium, said display means shows information indicating that writing is prohibited.

505a27 4. A recording apparatus according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein when writing the digital audio data reproduced from said medium onto said hard disk drive device, said control circuit first compresses the digital audio data reproduced from said medium and writes the compressed digital audio data onto said hard disk drive device.

505a27 5. A recording apparatus according to claim 4, wherein in said control table, digital audio data is paired with

retrieval information for the medium written with digital audio data in said hard disk drive device, and said control table also has data showing the write position of said digital audio data in said hard disk drive.

505a27 6. A recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein in said control table, retrieval information for the medium written with digital audio data in said hard disk drive device is paired with data showing the write position of said digital audio data in said hard disk drive, and said control table has character data displayed as text information in said display device.

505a27 7. A recording apparatus according to claim 3, wherein when prohibiting the writing onto said hard disk drive device of digital audio data recorded on said medium, said control circuit along with showing by said display means that writing is prohibited, also ejects said medium from said drive device.

505a27 8. A recording apparatus according to claim 7, wherein when prohibiting the writing onto said hard disk drive device of digital audio data recorded on said medium, along with showing by said display means that writing is prohibited, and also ejecting said medium from said drive device, the digital audio data corresponding to digital audio data on said medium is loaded from said hard disk drive device and output.